

## SPORTS



The USSR team that won the third stage of the biathlon World Cup in the 4x7.5 km race. (Photo: AP-TASS)

### Coldest contest with warmest welcome...

These were the words of Kurl Runglom, F.I.M. sports manager, who was in Leningrad for elimination trials at the 20th individual world speedway championship. Competing on the ice of the Leningrad technical sports stadium were 20 racers from Austria, Norway, the USSR, Sweden, Czechoslovakia and Finland.

The coldest cold weather was uneventful to the participants yet it failed to dampen the keen competition and the enthusiasm of the nearly 4,000 fans.

From the very outset competition was keen between the USSR, Sweden and Finland, making apparent differing riding tactics adopted by the Soviet and Scandi-

drenn drivers. While the latter chose small inner circuit, the former preferred the outer one.

This tactics brought victory to Soviet racer Anatoly Bondarenko. Going by the outer radius is easy and difficult at the same time. You have to go 1.5 or two times faster than the opponents but the plus is that the ice track is cleaner and there is more room in manoeuvres. After the Leningrad event the USSR will send a team consisting of Anatoly Bondarenko (1st place), Rauli Mustonen (2nd), Sergei Vedenov (3rd) and Yury Slinov (4th) to the world championship semifinals in Stockholm.

Yuri KUPIN

### 'PREMIERE' AT KRYLATSKOYE

The holder of seven world records in cycling, vice-champion of last year's world championship, 22-year-old Soviet cyclist Erika Slinova, emerged the winner of the first national women's championship held between 25 and 27 January at the Krylatskoye Olympic track. She emulated the twice world champion Sergei Koptynov.

In the 3 km individual pursuit she rode, for the first time, a cycle with disc wheels and clocked 3 min 51.032 sec, bettering her own world record.

It is gratifying that the current competition, which will henceforth feature regularly in the sports calendar, drew 62 entrants from seven Union republics,刷新ed six-time world champion Galina Yermolayeva. This is not surprising; by an IOC decision the women's sprint race will be included in the first time in the programme of the 1988 Summer Games.

Valerija MIRONOVA



In their debut competition at the Ronchetti Cup, the Central Army Club entered the semi-finals, beating Yugoslav Croco Zvezda of Belgrade 110-38 (53-17) in a return match on January 29 in Moscow. CAC Gym. So the away game CAC won 87-55.

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## At Australian Games

Five gold and three silver medals were collected by Soviet gymnasts at the Australian games continuing in Melbourne. Moscowite Vera Kolesnikova added to her overall title the golds for the vault and the asymmetrical bars. One silver in the asymmetrical bars and three bronze medals were amassed by Natalya Vaychenko from Rostov.

Voronezhite Alexander Pogorolov, who gave way to Japanese Kieji Yamawaki to become

the overall champion after falling from the horizontal bar, was lucky in the individual events, winning the parallel bars and the pommel horse and running up on the rings and in the floor exercises.

Bulgarian Dilyana Georgieva is the games' amateur rhythmic exercises champion, winning all four events—the ball, ribbon, hoop and sharing the ribbon title with Tatjana Drustchilina from Omsk.

### Challenger closes gap

After Gari Kasparov beat Anatoly Karpov in the 47th chess match in their world chess title match 5-2, Karpov

had some positional struggle but by their 19th move Black decided to make it known, a decision later fully vindicated. In the ensuing complications the challenger regaining the initiative, and before his 33rd move the world champion surrendered.

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### UEFA president warns

automatically seeded — Mexico, as the host country, and Italy, the reigning world champion—while the other seeds will be selected by the cup organizing committee at its December session.

Vladimir McMILLIN

### Riga players win through

The Riga TTT basketball winners' club beat Budapest Tungsram 68-42 in the European Champions Cup first quarterfinals game. Ulyana Semyonova was the winners' top scorer with 30 points.

### Soviet-Italian cooperation in sports

A protocol on sports exchange between the Soviet Union and Italy for 1985 has been signed in Moscow. The two countries will mutually exchange delegations for various sports and competitions. Between sports experts will be exchanged. This is the first more comprehensive agreement between the two countries so far.

The Secretary-General of the Italian National Olympic Committee, Dr. Mario Peracchia, said that it is the first time that such a protocol has been signed such a protocol, which is very important and mutually beneficial to Italian sports in their further development over the years and the country's sports.

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Konstantin Chernenko's answer to CNN has been described as an exceptionally positive and encouraging document by the Greek permanent representative at the United Nations, Michael Douras. This document contains the basis for serious and purposeful negotiations aimed at the prevention of the arms race from spilling into outer space and at halting it here on Earth. One cannot but support and welcome the appeal by the Soviet leader to fight for a healthier international atmosphere, cessation of the arms race, a peaceful outer space, and the elimination of nuclear weapons from the face of the Earth.

The entire mankind has a stake in a positive outcome of the Soviet-American talks. As Konstantin Chernenko justly pointed out, the talks will have to take into account the real threat associated with the grave consequences for the future of the world should the arms race spread into outer space. Prevention of space militarization, freezing of nuclear arsenals, and banning the use of nuclear weapons are measures which the Soviet Union has consistently sought to be implemented.

I wholeheartedly support the view expressed by the Soviet leader to his CNN interview to the effect that should the United States take constructive steps, it would contribute to the success of the forthcoming talks.

The American political figure, William Fulbright, who for a long time was Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Mr. Fulbright expressed his complete agreement with Konstantin Chernenko's view that the positive outcome of the new Soviet-American talks could have a favourable effect on the situation in the world, and would represent a major step towards the solution of the key world issues of the day. I believe, he said, that expansion of contacts

between the two countries in science, technology, and culture would create a healthier climate in Soviet-American relations and in the world as a whole.

"Los Angeles Times" writes that the Soviet leader has sharply criticized the Strategic Defense Initiative proposed by the Reagan administration for the purpose of establishing military superiority. It stated that this initiative was offensive and aggressive in nature. The newspaper stresses K. U. Chernenko's words that the initiative represents an attempt to disarm the other side and to deny the possibility of dealing a retaliatory blow in case of a nuclear aggression against it.

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The statement points out that scientific workers bear a special responsibility for the fate of mankind, since modern weapons are products of scientific discoveries and research. That is why they ought to be in the forefront of those demanding an end to the arms race, those fighting for lasting security and the establishment of relations of confidence among people.

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Paris. The World Federation of Scientific Workers (WFSW)

has appealed to all states to impose moratorium on the development, testing and deployment of all types of nuclear weapons and to work for an agreement banning any race in outer space.

The racial authorities in South Africa have embarked on another large-scale punitive action against the Africans who "dared" settle on a plot of land in the vicinity of Cape Town reserved for Whites under the apartheid laws.

Teams of armored personnel carriers and powerful bulldozers roared into the Crossroads settlement, burning and crushing the homes of Africans. Some

only houses of veneer, timber and plastic were left on the site.

The Chairman of the African

community Jerry Tait said that the African destroyed nearly 200 houses. The people, now left

without roofs over their heads,

have nowhere to go.

Photo: AP-TASS

## FRIENDSHIP UNIVERSITY IS 25

● In February 1980 the Soviet Government decided to set up a Friendship University in Moscow. A year after its establishment, the University came to bear the name of Patrice Lumumba, an outstanding African freedom-fighter.

● Co-sponsors of the University, which was established to train experts for developing countries, are the All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions, the Soviet Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Committee, and the Union of the Soviet Societies for Friendship and Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries.

● In 1980, the University made its first intake of 539 students from 50 countries, including the Soviet Union.

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● The Patrice Lumumba University is a member of the International Association of Universities (IAU).

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● Entrance to the main building of the Patrice Lumumba Peoples' Friendship University (south-west of Moscow).



An Indian wedding in Moscow: the bride — Roshni (fourth from left), a student of the Medical Department; the bridegroom — Mand (fifth from left), a postgraduate student of the Department of Economics and Law. Students from Afghanistan, India and Senegal having a chat.

## HIGH ESTIMATE

New Delhi. In connection with the 30th anniversary of Soviet-Indian economic, scientific and cultural cooperation, Giani Zail Singh and Rajiv Gandhi sent telegrams to Soviet leaders, which state in part:

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Castro. The need to solve the problems of Central America by peaceful means through negotiations has been stressed by Fidel Castro in an interview for "The Washington Post" newspaper.

Dr Castro has warned the United States against attempting to encroach on Cuba's independence. The Reagan administration, he pointed out, is taking "nearly the most hostile stand in all the history of its relations with Cuba" in terms of economic sanctions and military pressure, and there are no specific signs that the main American thrust is going to change. The present administration has stepped up military manoeuvres off Cuba's shores and of the naval base in Guantanamo on the island's eastern tip. It has also expanded considerably the scale of its surveillance of the island.

Among other hostile actions, Dr Castro mentioned the increased economic steps, as well as the economic blockade.

In response, the republic has had to expand its defences.

He himself dictates the need for a dialogue, and in the Western hemisphere time is working against the United States.

Stressing the explosive character of the situation in Latin America, Dr Castro underlined that the Latin Americans are beginning to understand that a solution can only be found through a joint effort.

The Cuban leader has expressed his country's readiness to exchange views with the United States on any issue of mutual interest, which could facilitate a possible improvement in US-Cuban relations during President Reagan's second term in office.

## Big Pine-3, direct encroachment on Nicaragua's sovereignty

Meoqua. The Pentagon's new manoeuvres in Central America serve as evidence that Washington has decided to start a "dialogue through weapons", says a note of protest the Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel D'Escoto has sent to the American Secretary of State George Shultz in view of the forthcoming American-Honduran exercises Big Pine-3 off the Nicaraguan border. The protest stresses that the new exercises mounted by the two countries are a direct encroachment against the efforts of the Contadora group which is seek-



And with what will they gag 'black holes' in the budget?

## MEETING OF LEBANESE GOVERNMENT

Beirut. At the latest meeting the Lebanese Government discussed two main acute problems facing the country—the worsening economic situation accompanied by a plummeting Lebanese pound and ways to ensure security in West Beirut and Tripoli, as well as the south Lebanese town of Saida after the withdrawal of Israeli troops from there. Representatives of the Lebanese army command told the ministers about the measures to prevent internal strife in Saida. They stressed that Tel Aviv not only refused to coordinate

with the Lebanese side its actions during the troop withdrawal but could withdraw them suddenly before the specified time in order to provoke clashes between various warring factions.

Finance Minister, C. Chemouni, said he had submitted to the government his measures to stabilize the Lebanese pound. The local press points out that this respect the complexity of implementing this plan, as the real reason for the steadily worsening economic situation is the lack of security in the country.

## REAGAN'S REPORT MISLEADING

Washington. The White House has released President Reagan's report on alleged violations of arms control agreements by the Soviet Union.

It follows from the report, however, that the United States has no evidence to support these claims.

Accusing the Soviet Union of violating international agreements on chemical and biological weapons, the report admits that there is no substantive evidence to confirm that chemical

and toxic weapons have been used either in Kampuchea, Iraq or Afghanistan. The other allegations in the report are equally unfounded.

Washington needs this report for a number of reasons. By publishing the report which, unlike similar false ones, is not classified but clearly intended for public consumption, the Washington administration seeks to distract public attention from its own highly unsatisfactory arms control record and to pave the way to further violations.

## Vietnamese protest against Chinese threats

Hanoi. A spokesman for the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry has said that China was combining an escalation in its acts of armed provocations on the Vietnamese-Chinese border with threats against Vietnam. A representative for the Chinese Foreign Ministry has said at a briefing given to journalists in Peking that the troops on the Chinese side of the border were put "in a state of combat readiness". Vietnam regarded as particularly grave the statement the

Chinese Foreign Ministry made in Singapore and released by Xinhua news agency that China "reserves the right to teach Vietnam another lesson".

These statements made by the Chinese side, the Vietnamese spokesman added, run counter to the peaceful aspirations of the peoples in South-East Asia and the entire world, including the interests of the Chinese people themselves. The Vietnamese Government condemns both the armed provocations and the right statements by the Chinese side.

Bozeman. The incidence of racism among the Americans who fought in the war of aggression in Vietnam is higher than among their compatriots who never went to Vietnam. This is one of the main conclusions of a report drawn up by a department of inquiry into Kennedy's assassination described as a lone killer did not shoot the president.

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## HOME NEWS

### Round the Soviet Union

THE REQUIRED QUALITY OF GRAIN MEANT FOR SPRING FIELDS HAS BEEN CONDITIONED FOR SOWING ON COLLECTIVE AND STATE FARMS IN THE BRYANSK REGION (THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION). Ninety-three per cent of the sows correspond to first and second class of sowing standards.

THE AKTYUBINSK RESERVOIR, BEING BUILT ON THE ILEK RIVER, IS READY TO BE FILLED WITH SPRING WATER. The dam's slopes have already been completed and this spring 30 million cu m of water will be accumulated behind the wall.

SPECIALISTS IN LAND RECLAMATION IN LATVIA (A SOVIET BALTIC REPUBLIC) HAVE COMPLETED THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONDUITS ensuring two-way water supply on 50,000 hectares of the Lubansky Lowland.

WORKERS IN THE PRIMORYE (MARITIME TERRITORY) ARE HELPING KAMCHATKA FARMERS GET SET FOR THE SPRING. They have prepared boronized fertilizers in the peninsula. 1,300 tonnes of selected seeds of early ripening grain crops, a third more than the usual quantity.

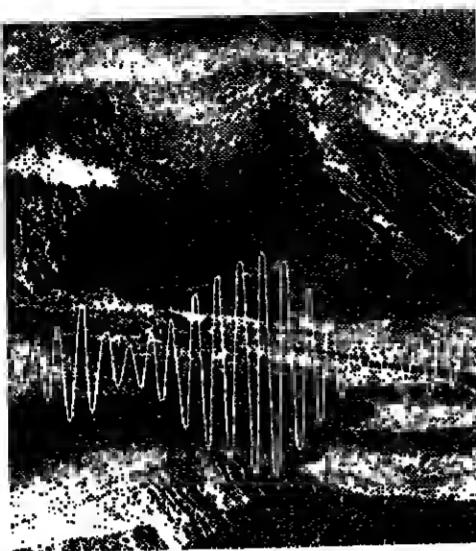
IN THE YAROSLAVL REGION THE BIGGEST SERVICE STATION FOR AGRICULTURAL TRUCKS HAS STARTED OPERATING. Its complex of shops has a mechanized washers, equipment for express-diagnosis, test-benches and continuous flow lines for car servicing. It will service 800 vehicles a year.

### NEW HEP IN CENTRAL ASIA

Electric current is now being generated by the first turbine of the Balpazinskiye HEP below the Vakhsh River in Tajikistan. The new hydroelectric power station rated of 600 megawatts in one of eight such projects which, in the perspective, will make up the most powerful energy cascade in Central Asia.

The dam of the Balpazinskiye station was created in an unusual way. In only a few seconds it was put up by a directional

### UNDERGROUND STORMS BEING CHECKED



pieces to Central Asia and the Caucasus, in fact, in all areas, where earth tremors frequently occur.

Apart from mapping out potentially dangerous zones, it is important to precisely predict the place and time of a possible earthquake. Such short-term forecasts have become possible thanks to a detailed survey of the behaviour of magnetic, radioactive, and gravitational fields. These are monitored by seismic-geophysical observatories set up in mountainous areas, underwater, and underground.

The trade union committee is supervising consistent implementation of housing construction long-term programme. In the current year more than 700 families will be provided with new flats built only on the association's money. More than 1,000 plots have been allotted in cities and settlements for building individual houses.

Nearly twenty per cent of Soviet territory falls within active seismic zones. Some places are constantly rocked by earthquakes which cause serious damage and claim human lives. Therefore the country is implementing a special nation-wide programme aimed at making these zones, which are inhabited by fifty million people, as safe as possible. Involved in this programme are tens of scientific research institutions and hundreds of seismic stations.

In order to be able to make long-term forecasts at earthquakes, scientists have plotted and described in detail most of the country's active seismic zones. Their maps, apart from helping predict earthquakes, serve numerous other purposes, especially when construction is concerned. In Ashkhabad, the Turkmenia capital, construction of the first residential estate built to withstand the city's seismic conditions has been completed. Tall buildings immune to earthquakes are also springing up in other republics and Kazakhstan.

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